The Homegoing Service
Celebrating The Glorious Life
of
Mother Bernice Ernestine Wilson

Sunrise:
March 5, 1917

Sunset:
August 3, 2007

Friday, August 17, 2007 • 11:00 A.M.
Mount Olive Church of God in Christ
1385 East 21st Street • Los Angeles, CA
Dr. Samuel F. Morgan, Host Pastor
Officiant: Dr. Donald R. Cook, Sr.
Eulogist; Elder Willie D. Knight

Church of God in Christ
Southern California First Jurisdiction
41st State Women's Convention

President's Award

Presented to

Mother Bernice Wilson

For nineteen years of dedicated services as
Assistant Supervisor of the Department of Women

Thank you for your wealthy deposits of wisdom, strength, loyalty and support given to the women of First Jurisdiction. As we commemorate the 100th year celebration of the Church of God in Christ, we recognize and honor you as one of the pioneers who has given us a continuing heritage of rich spiritual knowledge. May God's best blessing be yours.

July 26-29, 2007
Palm Desert, CA

Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis
Convention President/Jurisdictional Supervisor

Bishop Charles E. Blake
Jurisdictional Prelate

The Order of Celebration

Please stand where indicated

Viewing 10:00 AM

Dr. Donald R. Cook, Sr. – Officiant
Pastor, California Harvest Tabernacle Church

The Processional.....*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*.....*Southern California Combined Choirs*
Clergy
Regional and District Missionaries, Chairpersons and Staff
The Family

The Sealing of the Bier

Ministry in Music.....*"The Beautiful Garden of Prayer"*.....*Southern California Combined Choirs*

Prayer of Comfort..... *Dr. Mack C. Tremble*
Central District Superintendent

Old Testament Scripture.....*Psalm 91: 1-4, 7,10,11,16*.....*Elder Joey Johnson*
New Testament Scripture.....*St John 14: 1-6*.....*Elder Albert Hardin*
Ministry in Music.....*"Well Done"*.....*Southern California Combined Choirs*

Reflections from Pastor Samuel Fleming Morgan .....*Evangelist J. Marie Morgan*
First Lady Mt. Olive Church of God in Christ

Remembering My Friend and Co-Laborer.....*Mother Helen Davis*
Co-Chairperson Executive Board

Remarks ..... *Evangelist Willa Morris Freeman*
Regional Missionary Emmanuel Regional

Remarks ..... *Evangelist La Vette Gibson*
2nd Administrative Assistant
First Lady Life Church of God in Christ

Remarks .....*Evangelist Kathie Humphrey*
1st Administrative Assistant

Ministry in Music.....*"I Won't Complain"*.....*Evangelist Rose Knight*
First Lady Unity Church of God in Christ

Remembering My Beloved Assistant..... *Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis*
Jurisdictional Supervisor

Resolutions and Acknowledgements ..... *Mrs. Nancy Wright (Cousin)*

Reflections of her Labor in Central District
Evangelist Idella Dawson
District Missionary

Administrative Assistant Dr. Mack C. Tremble
Superintendent

Ministry in Music.....*"Move On Up A Little Higher"*.....*Mr. Damon Ray (Nephew)*

Tribute to Cousin Bernice.....*Mrs. Vivian Worthen*

Friends - Reflections of Love
(Two Minutes Please)
Sister Martha Cooper, Sister Mary Snow

Mother Wilson's Alphabet Song.....*Mrs. Melody Akande (Niece)*
Whitney and Jessica Akande (Great Nieces)

Tribute to Grandmother.....*Chantel Turnipseed (Great Grand Daughter)*

Family – Reflections of Love
Elder Andre Ray (Nephew)
Evangelist Myrtle Smith (Daughter)

Celebration of Life.....*Read Silently*

Release Me.....*Mrs. Marietta Davis*

Ministry in Music.....*"Walk On By Faith"*.....*National Evangelist Beverly Willis*

The Eulogy.....*Elder Willie D. Knight*
Pastor, Unity Church of God in Christ

Recessional
When We All Get To Heaven

Life Reflections
of
Mother Bernice Wilson
A Woman of Perseverance

On March 5, 1917 (ninety years ago) in Dallas, Texas Andrew and Josephine Sams became the proud parents of Bernice Sams, the first of their seven children. Bernice's family continued to live in Dallas until she was 5 years of age. The family then moved to Beaumont, Texas.

They joined Barnum Church of God in Christ, pastored by Elder Compton. It was there that young Bernice welcomed Christ into her life. She started working in the church as a young teenager and was gifted with a beautiful voice. Her service to God was singing in the youth choir. She loved her church and insisted on staying active. She was a Sunday School Teacher, Program Coordinator and a member of the Usher and Hospitality Boards.

Bernice attended Charlton Pollard high in Beaumont, Texas. After her graduation in 1935, she was not satisfied with just being called Bernice so she gave herself a middle name, Ernestine. She knew from this point forward people would address her as Bernice Ernestine Sams.

There was a young man name Jake who was attracted to her. But because of her parents strict rules, he knew the only way he could get to know her was to come to church. Her beautiful singing voice got his attention. He would come to church just to hear her sing. After two years of courtship, he asked her parents for her hand in marriage.

One night in a romantic setting, eating Texas links, he proposed. After giving this some serious thought which only took five minutes, she said yes.

On June 21, 1938, in Beaumont, Texas she married Jake Nathaniel Wilson II who preceded her in death May 5, 1974. This union was blessed with three wonderful children: Myrtle, Vernelle and their only son, Jake Nathaniel Wilson Jr., born in 1957 and preceded her in death in 1974.

Her passion to organize, direct and teach young people to worship God in music begin in Texas and continued in 1947, when she, her husband and their little daughter Myrtle, moved to Southern California.

They joined Mt. Olive Church of God in Christ, where Bishop E.B. Stewart was pastor. She and her sister Hortense brought to the Mt. Olive church, a new Texas sound of music that swept through Southern California's music departments like wildfire.

As a member of the Mt. Olive church she was the organizer and directress of the Youth and Jr. Choirs. Her sister Hortense Sams Stewart was the pianist. This choir was over fifty voices strong. The sisters were known throughout Texas and Southern California as anointed singers.

Under the leadership of the late Elder Paul Green, she organized the Southern California State Youth Choir.

When the Lord called Elder Wilson to pastor, they became the founders of the Unity Church of God in Christ. She worked alongside her husband faithfully to help him build the church.

After the death of her husband in 1974, she remained at Unity under the watchcare of Elder Willie Knight.

Mother Wilson was fortunate and did not have to work; her husband was an accomplished Contractor. After being a stay-at-home wife for many years, she started working in the Public School System as an Educator for thirteen years until she retired in 1988.

Mother Wilson had many health challenges throughout the years. Illnesses and near death experience's that she survived, while many of her doctor's stood by in awe. She let the doctor's and anyone else know that she survived through her faith in God, and the Spirit of perseverance He has given her. She was known to be one of God's miracles and an inspiration to many to keep holding on, no matter what you're going through. She NEVER had a sad story. Her best friend down through the years was her brother Willis Lee who answered her every need and never let her want for anything. God bless you Willis Lee for the care you gave our mother.

Preceding Mother Wilson in death are her loving husband and Pastor Jake N. Wilson of 36 years, her son Nathaniel Jr., Andrew and Josephine Sams (parents), three brothers, Dorsey Sams, Lionell Sams and Andrew Sams, Jr., preceded her in death.

She leaves to celebrate her life: Two loving and devoted daughters Mrytle (Charles) Smith of Pomona, CA; and daughter Vernelle of Los Angeles, CA; one brother, Willis Lee of Los Angeles, CA; two sisters Hortense Sams Stewart and Betty Sams Ray of Los Angeles, CA; four nieces Melody Akande of Los Angeles, CA; Gwendolyn Austin of Oakland, CA; Eloise Wilson of Los Angeles, CA; and Sharon Sams; eight Nephews, Andre' (Marta) Ray of Los Angeles, CA; Damon Ray of Los Angeles, CA; Maurice Stewart of Los Angeles, CA; Derrick Stewart of No. Hollywood, CA; Dorsey Sams Jr., Lionall Sams Jr. and Andrew Sams Jr.; five Grandchildren Sheila R. (Rudy II) Turnipseed of Corona, CA; Eleise M. (Anthony) Lewis of Murrieta, CA; Delphia L. (Donald) Fleming of Compton, CA: Patrice Y. (Eld. Kendall) Goslee of Marino Valley, CA; and Delvin L. Smith of North Hollywood, CA.; Thirteen Great Grands, Rudy J, Chantel, Antolise, Anthony Jr., Danielle, Donnell, Dominque, Kendra, Kendall, Traia, Nathaniel, Salvannah, Delvin Jr.; Two Great Great Grands Jerome and Rosaline; Great nieces, Tiffany Austin Short, Whitney and Jessica Akande; Great nephews, Lee Wilson, Jr and Ajene Mohr; One loyal and faithful adopted daughter/cousin, Marietta D. Davis of Inglewood, CA. and a host of other Relatives and Friends

Accomplishments: In 1969 she was appointed District Missionary serving the Central District under the leadership of State Mother L.O. Hale and Supt. T. D Mayberry. She later served with State Supervisor Mother Lillian Morris and Supt. Edward Davis. Mother Wilson served as District Missionary for over thirty years. In 1984, she received her Evangelist License.

In 1988 State Supervisor, Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis appointed Mother Wilson to the position of Department Treasurer. In the years to follow Mother Wilson would hold the following positions: Chairperson of Concessions (Exhibits) for the State Women's Convention, Executive Board Member, Regional Missionary (Emmanuel Region), Coordinator of Regional Missionaries, and Assistant Supervisor to Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis.

A Woman of Perseverance

A Tribute to Bernice Wilson

Dedication with integrity
Pushing towards the goals of righteousness
Steadfast on the Word of God
Rooted in religion and grace
Passing down a virtuous legacy
Bearing two phenomenal women
Generating five God-fearing Grand's
Reproducing eleven tribes of Greats'
Multiplied innocents present and fertile
Yet not weary in well-doing
Reaping the benefits
Because of faithfulness
Prosperity is romance from God
Remaining meek to His instructions
A humble woman in the sight of the Lord
Vigorous to do His will
Diligence is a must for His greatness
Seeking virtue in all aspects
A woman of perseverance

By Danielle Fleming
April 21, 2007

" WELCOME SENIOR CITIZENS"

We are God's chosen people, and today I salu you.....
This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. You see, God wok us up this morning and started us on our way He didn't have to do it, but he did.
Seniors, we are not mistakes, and we certain are not rejects. God loves us in a very spe way, we are his children. Don't let this me old world get you down.
Now it's a well known fact, the only way you don't become a senior, "you die". So let's fess up.
You know you are getting old when you hide things from yourself, and can't find them f weeks.

You know you're getting old when arthritis a bursitis have a race against each other in y body.

You know, when your knees get weak and your legs get wobbley

You know when everybody calls you "MOTHER".

You know when your children think they have boss you around, and tell you when to go anc when you should stay home. (Bless their hear

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You know, when your black hair turns white, your steps get slower, your eyes get dimmer, and your hearing is fading fast.

But hang on in there Seniors, and thank God for social security, retirement plans, and look to God for your special needs. "Ask G to multiply your money, and wake up and liv The good Lord didn't leave us here to raise second and third generations of GRAND-CHILD and GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. (Help out when "you want to"). Pack your suitcases, Go to Memphis, go to the International Women's Convention, and above all, go to our State Women's Convention, State Supervisor, Mother Lewis, would love to s you in Palm Springs in July, 1992.
Seniors, This is our Day". We are not second class citizens, we are somebody, so get up out that rocking chair, don't sit around waitin for death, when the time comes, he'll come and get Never lose your enthusiasm and zest for life, t serve God and to praise his Holy name. This he to keep us young. One morning when we wake up Glory, his face will be the first face we'll se Praise God. There will be no more tears, no mo sorrows, no more troubles, no more heartaches, no more worries, no more wrinkles, and no more bills. Every day will be Sunday, and we will b FREE, FREE, FREE!
But until that day, I say again, wake up and li and remember sunshine always follows rain, and good thing will he withhold from us.
Matthew 24:26

"I LOVE YOU"

FROM THE DESK OF DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BERNICE WILSON

Appreciation Service

"Loving In Deed"

Honoring

Evangelist Bernice Wilson

Southern California First Jurisdiction

Sunday, March 14, 1993

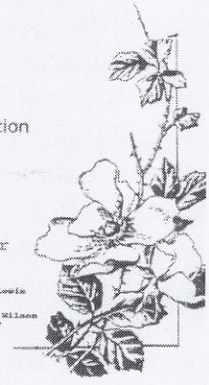
Faith Temple Community
Church of God In Christ
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Supt Mack Trimble, Host Pastor

Dr. Charles E. Blake
Presiding Bishop

Supt. J.C. Brewster
Regional Superintendent

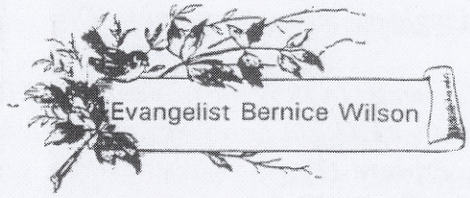
Dr. Barbara McCoo-Lewis
State Supervisor

Evangelist Bernice Wilson
Regional Missionary



A Woman of Noble Character

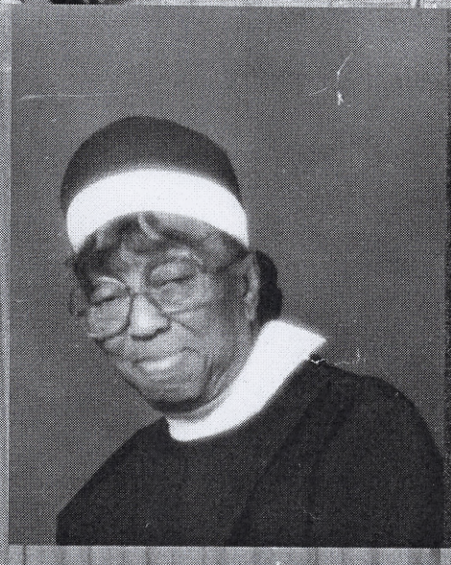
"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but indeed and truth". I John 3:18



Strength and dignity are her clothing,
And she laughs through the hard times to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household,
And does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her bless.

Many women have done excellently,
But you are among those who surpass.
Charm is deceitful and beauty vain,
But a woman that fears the Lord is praised.
These are the deeds of this noble woman,
Therefore, this day we give her special honor.

A Woman of Noble Character



HAPPY
90th BIRTHDAY
Mother Wilson
HAPPY
90th

I indeed baptize you with water unto
repentance: but he that cometh after
me is mightier than I, whose shoes
I am not worthy to bear:
he shall baptize you with
the Holy Ghost, and with fire.

Fourscore and ten years ago in the city of Dallas, Texas; God sent to earth a babygirl, who would grow up to bless the masses.

Andrew and Josephine Sams, the proud parents of this little bundle, vowed to raise her in the fear of The Lord and of this they kept their promise.

Woodrow Wilson was president of the United States of America; a time when equal rights were denied to all people of color.

In spite of this her parents taught her the importance of trusting God; for He alone is in control and on Him we must cast our cares.

Berniece was born and raised in the Church of God in Christ; and has faithfully served in various capacities while completing her jobs with pride.

The real measure of a person's wealth is what's invested in eternity; and because her soul-winning ability many souls will be on Heaven's golden streets.

This woman of destiny worked untiringly doing what her hands found to do; whether singing, or arranging choirs, her jobs were more than a few.

Just as summer turns into fall and winter turns into spring, she fell in love Jake N. Wilson, and he asked her to be his queen.

On June 21st of 1938, she promised to love, honor and obey; and remained true to her marriage vows, until his coronation day.

Be fruitful and multiply is recorded in God's Word; and God blessed them with little Myrtle, their first born baby girl.

In Nineteen hundred-forty-seven, when Truman was president, they traveled west to California, desiring to fulfill their quest.

After moving to Los Angeles, God added to their fami –ly; along came Vernelle, and Jake Nathaniel, bringing the number of children to three.

While under the leadership of Bishop E.B. Stewart, she organized a 50-voice youth choir, assisted by her sister Hortense a skilled and gifted pianist.

On a jurisdictional level, her accomplishments were definitely most supreme; she organized the First State Youth Choir under the leadership of the one and only Paul Green.

Berniece has a kind and gentle spirit and a warm countenance with a glow; and Bishop Stewart was pleased with her works for his admiration always did show.

While walking uprightly before her Lord, God called her husband to pastor; and they founded UNITY COGIC, and good seeds they proceeded to sow.

Following the death of her beloved husband, she remained at Unity; under the leadership of Pastor Knight as he faithfully leads the sheep.

Mother Wilson's loyalty and dedication places her on the winning team, of Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis, where team effort reigns supreme.

Every year Ebony posts
The one hundred most influential;
But without the mention of Berniece Wilson,
the whole thing's inconsequential.

Wall Street has the Stock Exchange
London has Big Ben;
But Southern California has Berniece
Wilson, God's warrior through thick and thin.

Fifteen presidents have served this nation,
since of 1917; but there's only one
Berniece Sams Wilson, a saint and devoted friend.

So we've come here today from far and near
to celebrate your birthday; with hugs, and
cheers and lots of love while thanking God
for ninety years.

Happy Birthday
Mother Berniece Wilson.

Sincerely,
Shirley Scoggins Danzy
April 2007

Church of God in Christ, Inc.

BISHOP C. H. MASON, Founder

Evangelist License

I commend unto you Evangelist Bernice Wilson

of La Calfornia, I Jas. and *our Sister, who is a servant of the Church at* *has been examined as to her qualifications, gifts, graces and usefulness for the Evangelistic Work. The General Assembly of the Churches of God in Christ do hereby authorize and empower her to expound the Scriptures and hold Gospel Meetings according to rules and regulations of said Church.*

Signed in behalf of the General Assembly

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST ORGANIZED SEAL 1895 MEMPHIS, TENN.

Bishop J. A. Blake
Jurisdictional Bishop

J. O. Patterson Sr.
PRESIDING BISHOP

State Supervisor

Matte McClintord
National Supervisor

Elizabeth Meadus
Secretary Women's Department

CONSECRATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE
FOR
EVANGELIST BERNICE WILSON
REGIONAL MISSIONARY
OF
EMMANUEL REGION

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1990
7:30 P.M.

OFFICIATING

MOTHER BARBARA McCOO LEWIS
SUPERVISOR OF SO. CALIF. FIRST JURISDICTION

ELDER JOE BREWSTER
REGIONAL SUPT., HOST PASTOR

MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

WOMEN'S DAY

GREATER FAITH DISTRICT MEETING
Fall Session

DISTRICT MISSIONARY BERNICE WILSON PRESIDING
October 16, 1969

UNITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
444 E. 112th St. (off Avalon)
Church phone---756-9959
Host Pastor; Elder Jake Wilson

ELDER T. D. MAYBERRY HOST,
MOTHER L. O. HALE**STATE SUPERVISOR OF WOMEN
MOTHER C. A. BERRY**ASS'T STATE SUPERVISOR
MOTHER S. M. CROUCH*STATE BISHOP
BISHOP J. A. BLAKE**ASS'T STATE BISHOP

THEME: DISTINCTION OF HOLY WOMEN
Esther 4:16

WOMEN'S DAY

OF THE GREATER FAITH DISTRICT
FALL SESSION

OCT. 21, 1971

DISTRICT MISSIONARY BERNICE WILSON PRESIDING

At the GREATER FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
1925 East 87th St.
eathurch phone 566-8352
Host Pastor-- Supt. T.D. Mayberry

THEME:- "SAVE YOURSELVS FROM THIS ON-TOWARD GENERATION"
Acts 2:40

Eld. T.D. Mayberry, Superintendent
Mr. L.O. Hale, State Supervisor
Mr. C. Berry, Ass't Supervisor
Bishop S.M. Crouch, State Bishop
Bishop J.A. Blake, Ass't Bishop

CENTRAL DISTRICT WOMEN'S DAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1983

REVELATION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

5253 South Avalon

Los Angeles, California

HOST PASTOR SUPT. EDWARD DAVIS

THEME: "CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RESPONSE TO THE OPPORTUNITIES AND DANGERS OF THESE TIMES."
Proverbs 14:26
II Cor. 4; 8-9
Luke 10; 1-3

istor Bernice Wilson — District Missionary
sther Lillian Morris — State Supervisor

ishop Edward Davis — District Superintendent
ishop J. A. Blake — Jurisdictional Bishop
der Charles Blake — 1st Administrative Ass't
ther Leroy Meadis — 2nd Administrative Ass't

"Hi, Let's Get Acquainted"

I was born in the state of Texas, and found the Lord at a very early age. Also in the state of Texas.

I have loved the Lord all my life, and it's a joy to work and serve him. In the state of Texas, I worked in many different positions in the church, organizing and directing choirs on the local, district and state levels.

I was married to the late Elder Jake Wilson for 36 years, until the Lord called him home. To this union, three children were born. Mrs. Syrtis Smith, Miss Vernelle Wilson and Jake, Jr., who also went to be with the Lord at the tender age of six years.

The Lord has not left me alone. I have two lovely daughters, four granddaughters, one grandson and one great-grandson. I have two sisters, four brothers, and a host of other relatives and all my sisters and brothers in the Lord.

After moving to California 36 years ago, the Lord blessed me to be under the leadership of the late Bishop H.H. Stewart. There I organized and directed the Youth Choir, along with my sister, Arbanna Stewart. I held this position about 15 years. I also served as youth matron at Mount Olive for a number of years, helping to mold and lead many young souls to Christ. I served on many different boards at Mount Olive; Bible and Sunday School, Y.P.W.W and Hospitality, to name a few.

I have never had time to be idle. On the state level, I was blessed to organize the first state Youth Choir in Southern California, working with the late Elder Paul Greene, who was the late Y.P.W.W President. The choir consisted of about one hundred (100) voices. All were saved and filled with the Spirit of God.

I also served as District Missionary with Elder Mayberry of Greater Faith District. I gave up that work in order to work full time with my husband, working out a new church (UNITY C.O.G.I.C.). Then I really had to work, serving as Pastor's wife, chauffeur, janitress, cook and painter. I organized choirs, bible band, women's department and wherever and whatever my hands would find to do, until the Lord sent more help in the vineyard.

Just when I thought it was time to sit back and coast on into heaven, the Lord said "oh no. I have another job for you.

I'm very grateful to God, to Superintendent Davis, the Pastors and the whole Central District for selecting me to serve as your District Missionary. I will strive with my might and insight with the help of God, to be worthy of your wantin me.

I LOVE YOU CENTRAL DISTRICT!

Remember, a district that's prays together, stays together.

Yours for Christ.

Bernice Wilson
District Missionary

Central District Women's Day

Thursday, August 17, 2000
11:00 AM

Faith Temple Church of God in Christ
1925 South Main Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Theme
"The Best Is Yet to Come"

Bishop Silas - Conference Host

SUPERINTENDENT M. R. TRIMBLE
MISSIONARY BERNICE WILSON
DR. BARBARA McCOO LEWIS
BISHOP CHARLES E. BLAKE

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
DISTRICT MISSIONARY
STATE SUPERVISOR
JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP

This is the final year of the 20th Century

God allowed us to be alive and he saved us for such a time as this. We have a race to run. What are you going to do this year? If God lets us live until the year 2000 then we must stay holy "this year." We must stay faithful "this year." Stop being slothful "this year." Go forward, take a giant step and work in your local church. Work with the Pastor, work with the Superintendent, and your District Missionary. Work this year with your Bishop and you State Supervisor. Do all you can while you can "this year." This is so important for the saints if we want to reach the new millennium.

Forget what happened last year, don't let the devil hold you back for the mess you made, move forward in a hurry. Don't look back, remember Lot's wife. Stop falling out with your Pastor. Stop making the same mistakes over and over again. God is restoring to you in the year of 1999 what you've lost in 1998. Just believe it and receive it. Press on. God is keeping us alive for a purpose.

Everything the world has to offer is not for the saints, skirts too short, slits too high. God forbid if we tempt the brothers and be a stumbling block. Look nice but not outrageous. We won't have the respect of the sinners if we dress like them and go to the same places they go. We as saved women must sound the alarm. We must stand as conquerors. Paul said, I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13. Remember Christ gives us the strength to face anything.

From the desk of Missionary Bernice Wilson
"Agape"

Few people want to make the kind of commitment it takes to follow Christ. It takes real faith. Most people only wear the label of being a Christian, they prefer to hang on to their own ways, their own ideas, their old habits and their own convictions. They would rather follow friends than to follow after Christ. They soon forget, "The Best is Yet to Come."

Most people don't realize that sin has cut them off from contact with God, and his blessings. If you obey God's Word, blessings will come upon you. Remember, "The Best is Yet to Come. "Healing for your bodies if you keep his commandments. Your wayward children will return back to God. He will keep us. He will sustain us if we place our lives in his hands and He will keep us alive.

The Bible gives us the right direction to keep moving forward and just how long we have to do it. Jesus said be thou faithful until death and I'll give you a crown of life. The Best is Yet to Come. Women of God, stay faithful, keep moving in the right direction, listen to his voice and obey his Word. Remember "The Best is Yet to Come."

May God's best be yours today and always.

Missionary Bernice Wilson
District Missionary

Church of God in Christ

INCORPORATED

Women's Department

CERTIFICATE of APPOINTMENT

For Special Work

This Is To Certify That: Mother Bernice Wilson

of Los Angeles, California
STREET CITY STATE

has been duly appointed Assistant State Supervisor

to work in the interest of Dept of Women – First Jurisdiction
Sr. City

PLEASE RECOGNIZE HER APPOINTMENT AND COOPERATE WITH HER IN THE WORK,
PRAYING GOD'S BLESSING UPON HER LABOUR

THE SEAL OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC. ORGANIZED 1907 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

ISSUED 12-28-95

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JURISDICTIONAL SUPERVISOR

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JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP

Eddye Rambo
JURISDICTIONAL SECRETARY

Emma F. Crouch
INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISOR

Who can find a virtuous woman..? WE DID! Mydear, I admire your Godliness, your Godly wisdom, your beauty, your counsel, your vivaciousness and dignity, even during some afflictions.. you yet continued to give God Glory in it all. You've always presented yourself a HOLY Woman of God. Mydear, I'm going to miss seeing your hunger for God, your hunger for all the Woman's Conventions and surrounding yourself around the saints, but more so your hunger for "Soul Food" (Smile). How I thank God for blessing me with one of the greatest Grandmothers. I Peter 2:24.. "God sent His word and HEALED YOU". How did you feel to hear God say.. "Well Done Thy Good and Faithful Servant.."

Love Your Forever,
Patrice Yvette (Smith) Goslee
Proud Granddaughter

My-Dear, My-Dear,
There is so much I could say, but I did not want to write a book. So, I will just have to write a small portion of what you meant to me. I will miss you, so much. I cherished the time that you and I shared with me and my family. I will also miss our every week talks on Tuesday and Thursdays, and you asking me, "Who do I think is going to win the American Idol or have you cooked dinner yet? I am so glad that you left me your wisdom and love and prayers, and I can go on smiling when I think about you. There will never be another grandmother like you. I love you, My-Dear.

Your 1st Grand-Child
Sheila Renee Turnipseed

I feel truly privileged and honored to be able to not only physically see, but to know, love and have memories with my Great grandmother, Mydear. The memories will forever store in my heart, and to know that she is the reason for those unexplained smiles throughout my day, giving me the confidence, knowing that one day I will be as great as she!

Love, your 3rd Great grandchild
Chantel Ya'Vonne Turnipseed

To Mydear;
I am really going to miss you. I'm really sad because during Thanksgiving and Christmas is where we all really meet. It hurts because I won't have my little conversations with you letting you know about my life, and hearing your advise and how I would take it like a sponge. I know everyone has to go at some point and time, but I guess I didn't think this would happen so soon to me. However, I know the life you lived was purposeful and you had a chance to experience numerous things that life had instored for you. So through my sorrow I know you're in a better place looking down watching over me, your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and your great great grands. I will try my best to strive in life and achieve the accomplishments to continue to make you proud. I love you and will surly miss you.

Donnell F. Fleming
Great Grandson

From your oldest Great grandchild, Ruby Turnipseed. I will miss you. You're in heaven now and I will always cherish moments that we had together. You will always be in my prayers.

To My Mother-In-Law

Mydear, I am glad (but) I am also sad. Sad because I will miss my pies at Christmas time. And also watching you and your food choices. Miss having you tell me not to work so hard.
But I am so glad to know that you are out of your pain, no more putting on legs.. But now shouting in Glory!
And to know that you are with God I will continue to, live so I can see you somebody.
I LOVE YOU..... thank you for everything!

Your son-in-law.. Charles Lee Smith

Mydear;
I'll really miss you. I know you're in a better place. I hope you're having fun in Heaven. I will miss you there.

Kendall, II
You're Great-Grandson

Mydear;
How sad it is to see that your presence has left us from this earth but Praise be to God that you're in that higher level place flying around with the angels in Heaven. If only I could be with you and be ushered into that great experience, but its not my time. I still have work on this earth and I will join you in that great place. Tell Jesus I said "Hello" and have fun rejoicing and praising the Lord. Again we will always miss you.

Love Always,
Kendra Goslee, Great-Granddaughter

Mydear;
I am really going to miss you so much. All of our family get togethers, holidays and church functions. I'm glad to know you're in Heaven. When I get there, we are going to rejoice, laugh and sing together. I love your strength, you have been an example to me and taught me to trust God in my sickness as well.
Love you Always,

Dominique E. Jones
Great Granddaughter #5

Dear Mydear;
Your love is still near, You're up in Heaven looking down on me clear. I looked up in the mirror and I seen one tear. Everyone can tell that God didn't give you a Spirit of fear.. But really, you know. That's just my Great Grandma! I love and miss you Mydear.

Anthony Lewis, II
Great Grandson

Mydear;
I am so delighted to have had the opportunity to meet and learn from you. I will truly miss you, especially on Christmas Day when you wanted all the Grands to line up, open our Christmas gifts one at a time, even though we all knew we all had the same gift (Smile). I will really miss you but I know your in Heaven Looking down on us, being my personal guardian angel.
I love you Mydear,

Antaleise Marie Lewis
Great Granddaughter

"Dear Bee"

Dear Bee, I know you know this is from me without seeing my name, because I'm the only one in the family who calls you "Bee". People would ask me why do you call your mother "Bee". Because, I said, she's always doing something.. never stopping, keeping yourself busy as an "Bee". Those who know you would think a moment then agree that yes "Bee" that's her.

Dear Bee, this is the day I have dreaded all my life. The day I would lose your physical presence in my life - my precious mother.

Dear Bee, you are my heart, my best friend. I have always known how blessed I was to have you as a mother. You always put your family first. And although my heart is very heavy I know you went home to be with God leaving all your pain and suffering behind.

Dear Bee, when you were weak and in pain, I wanted to carry the pain for you. But I could not. As your daughter and caregiver I tried to protect you sometimes too much. If I had my way I would just have you stay home and be still! But you weren't having any of that! More times than not-you would just get up and push yourself on to church. Telling the congregation when you got there that somebody (no name) tried to make you stay home. At which point the congregation would all turn and look at me.

Dear Bee, while trying to help prepare your "Homegoing Celebration' program. I was looking thru your many, many church files for all the certificates you've received throughout the years recognizing your many appointments and positions. Well, I could not find them all, and it added to my hurt, that I was letting you down. Of course, I know it's because you put them in a very special place. And you confirmed this when I read your writing from your District Women's Day - 1991, title "Welcome Senior Citizens - I quote you, "You know you're getting old when you hide things from yourself, and can't find them for weeks. Well, I felt better having read that because I know that's just what you did with your certificates. More importantly, I know that you are still praying over me.

Dear Bee, it makes me very proud to have so many people whose life you have touched, express their love and admiration for you. What an influence you are to have people that may not have seen you in over 20-30 years, still hold you in such high regard. They speak of your life commitment to God and all your works in the Church of God in Christ - which you were born in. They speak of your kind-hearted, loving, caring ways, of your being real and no pretenses, open and friendly. But also of your spunkiness and the way you spoke your mind. And you are held in the highest regard for being an 'INSPIRATION' to everyone for your faith and determination to keep on living your life to it's fullness and continue your work in the church throughout all your health challenges.

Dear Bee, we are so grateful we had you in our lives for 90 wonderful years. And that we had a celebration to give you your flowers so that you could see the beauty that they bring.

Dear Bee, I didn't want to let you go. And I will never stop missing you. But I can just hear you saying as you walk thru the 'Heavenly Gates' 'Somebody (no name) tried to stop me from getting here'. But I'm not having it because I'm ready!

Good night Mother, you were a treasured jewel, a gift from God. And it was an honor to have you in my life and care for you. I will endeavor to live my life so that I may see you again.

Forever your loving daughter,

Vernelle

Well done, good and faithful servant : Matthew 25:23

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